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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 USC § 371DATE: 4/20/06
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U.S. APPLICATION NO.
(if known, see 37 CFR § 1.5) 10/576844

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/US2004/031258	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 22/09/2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 21/10/2003
TITLE OF INVENTION CONNECTOR AND CONNECTOR SYSTEM		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Hiroyuki Matsuoka		

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC § 371.
2. This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC § 371.
3. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC § 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 USC § 371(c)(2)).
 - a. is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 USC § 371(c)(2)).
 - a. is attached hereto
 - b. has been previously submitted under 35 USC § 154(d)(4)
7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC § 371(c)(3))
 - a. are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. have been communicated by the International Bureau
 - c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired
 - d. have not been made and will not be made.
8. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 USC § 371(c)(3)).
9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 USC § 371(c)(4)).
10. An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 USC §§ 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.
12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. A preliminary amendment.
14. An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR § 1.76.
15. A substitute specification.
16. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR §§ 1.821 – 1.825.
18. A second copy of the published international application under 35 USC § 154(d)(4).
19. A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 USC § 154(d)(4).
20. Other items or information:

Filing of Papers and Fees by Express Mailing

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.10, this application and the documents and fees listed on this transmittal letter are being deposited on the date indicated below with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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